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DRAFT INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: ~~ECOM~~: Dissemination ECM Case Inventory to Interested Foreign Service Posts

SENT TO: Certain American Diplomatic and Consular Posts

As a result of discussions at the Second European EDO Conference held in Paris November 15-19, 1954, it has been decided to distribute to selected Foreign Service posts the inventory of cases established to date by the Inter-agency Diversion Control Network in Washington. An inventory of the 360 cases established since January 1, 1954, is enclosed. In the future the Department intends to transmit regularly, on a bi-weekly basis, a supplement to the inventory listing the ECM cases established during the period together with a brief summary of each case. It is hoped that the inventory will prove helpful to the field in indicating the diversion cases being followed by the interested agencies in Washington and in evoking from posts not immediately concerned with a particular case supplementary information concerning the persons or firms involved. To assist the field in following such cases Washington now is indicating on outgoing instructions, as part of the subject title or at the appropriate point in the body of the message, the number of the relevant ECM case. Posts are encouraged to submit suggestions for modifying or improving the inventory in the light of experience.

It will be noted that no attempt has been made on the inventory to indicate the priority assigned to a case. This is because a "case" is established more or less automatically on the basis of communications received from or sent to the field, whenever it is expected that there may be a number of communications exchanged subsequently between Foreign Service posts or between Washington and the field. For example, a diversion or possible diversion revealed by a Home

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in addition Washington information require a message to the field.

intercept is not normally made a "case" until a follow-up message is received from another Foreign Service post. As a general rule, whenever Washington (or USRO/ST) believes that a particular case initiated in the field should be assigned a higher than standard priority, this fact is communicated to the interested posts by means of a telegram or instruction. The absence of such communication should not be interpreted to mean that Washington does not have an interest in the case or that Washington does not believe the case to be important, but only that Washington sees no immediate need for follow-up action and prefers to have the interested posts follow-up on their own initiative in accordance with their existing workloads. As a regular procedure, old cases are reviewed from time to time to decide whether they warrant being moved from and "active" to an "inactive" status. An effort will be made to keep addressee posts informed of such changes in the status of particular cases.

It has been suggested that for educational value the Diversion Control Network might attempt to make available to the field more final case summaries on a routine basis. This suggestion is still under consideration, although ~~it is felt that the case summaries prepared by USRO/ST do serve the intended purpose admirably. With the limited manpower available to the Diversion Control Network in Washington,~~ *However,* it is believed that for the time being at least available resources can most profitably be devoted to collating ^{current} the information received from all sources on diversion activities and wherever possible, on the basis of this information, ^{furnishing} ~~to furnish~~ the field with supplementary information indicating possible new leads, with some intelligence summaries, and with summaries on the possible relationship between cases. However, Washington (or USRO/ST) is prepared at the specific request of a Foreign Service post, to

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prepare a summary of the facts on any case in which the post may be especially interested.

Missions are requested to review the list of posts to which it is proposed to send the weekly inventory of DCM cases and to inform the Department of any additions or deletions desired.

Enclosure:

Inventory of DCM Cases.

This instruction is being sent to the following posts:

Missions

Ankara
Beirut
Belgrade
Berlin
Buen
Buen
Brussels
Cairo
Copenhagen
The Hague
Helsinki
London
Madrid
Mexico City
Oulu
Paris (Embassy and USMA/ST)
Rome
Santiago
Stockholm
Tangier
Tokyo
Vienna

Consulates

Antwerp
Basel
Hamburg
Hong Kong
Istanbul
Milan
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